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AMADEUS CHO IS A TEENAGE SUPER-GENIUS WHO TOOK ON THE POWERS AND MANTLE OF THE HULK!

AFTER HAWKEYE KILLED BRUCE BANNER IN ORDER TO PREVENT A PROPHESIED HULKOUT AND ENSUING MASSIVE DESTRUCTION, THE BLACK PANTHER AND S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT JAKE OH FOLLOWED AMADEUS TO ENSURE HE WOULDN'T REACT RECKLESSLY TO HIS FRIEND'S MURDER.

MEANWHILE, AMADEUS'S SISTER AND FELLOW SUPER-GENIUS MADDY CHO WAS AT THE SITE OF A MONSTER ATTACK IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. EVEN AFTER DISCOVERING THE MONSTER GROWS STRONGER FROM EXTREME EMOTION, AMADEUS WAS UNABLE TO KEEP HIS PRIDE IN CHECK. THE MONSTER ESCAPED WITH A BABY. REALIZING THE SITUATION IS OUT OF HAND, AMADEUS TURNS TO THE BLACK PANTHER FOR HELP...

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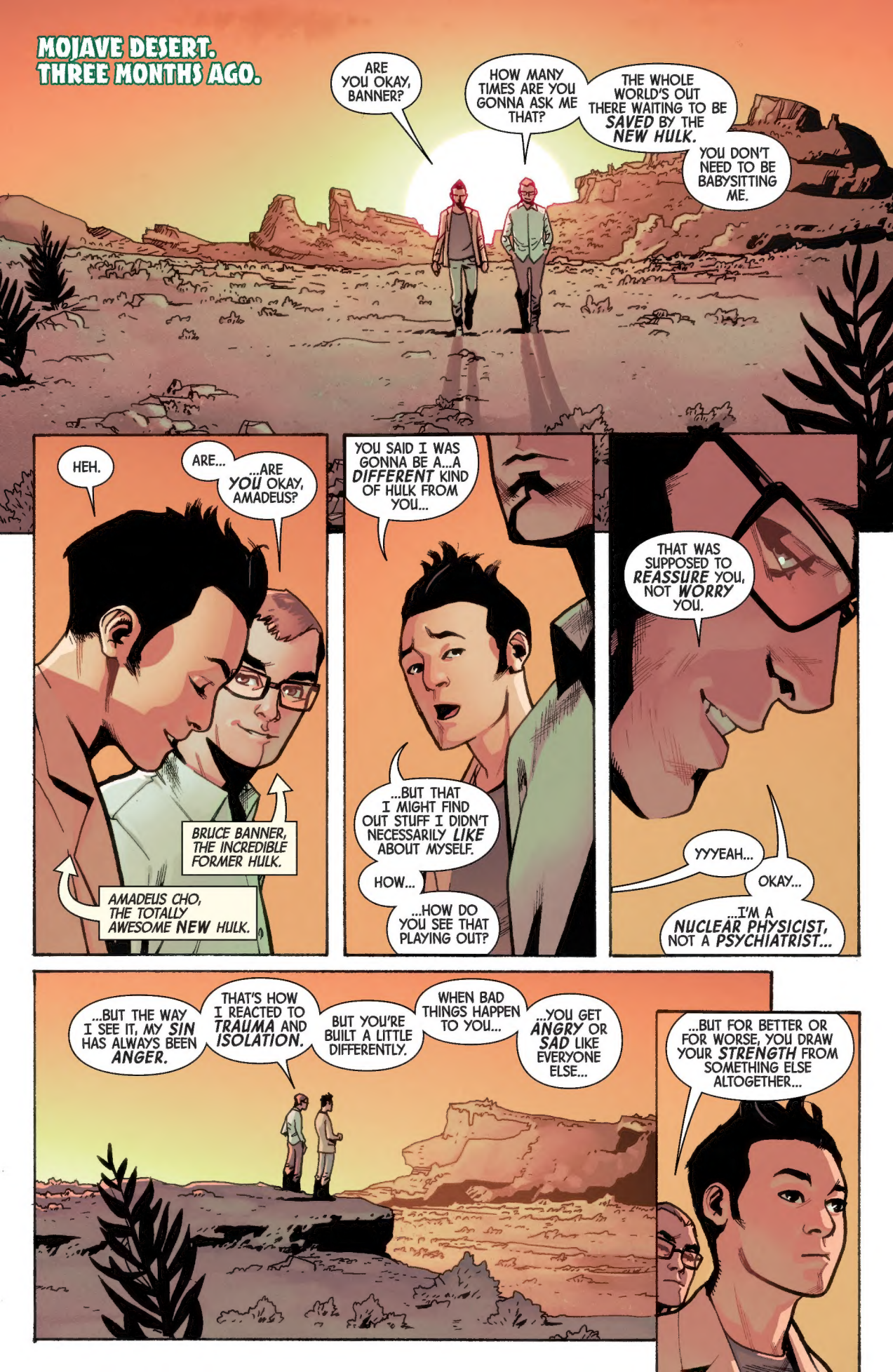
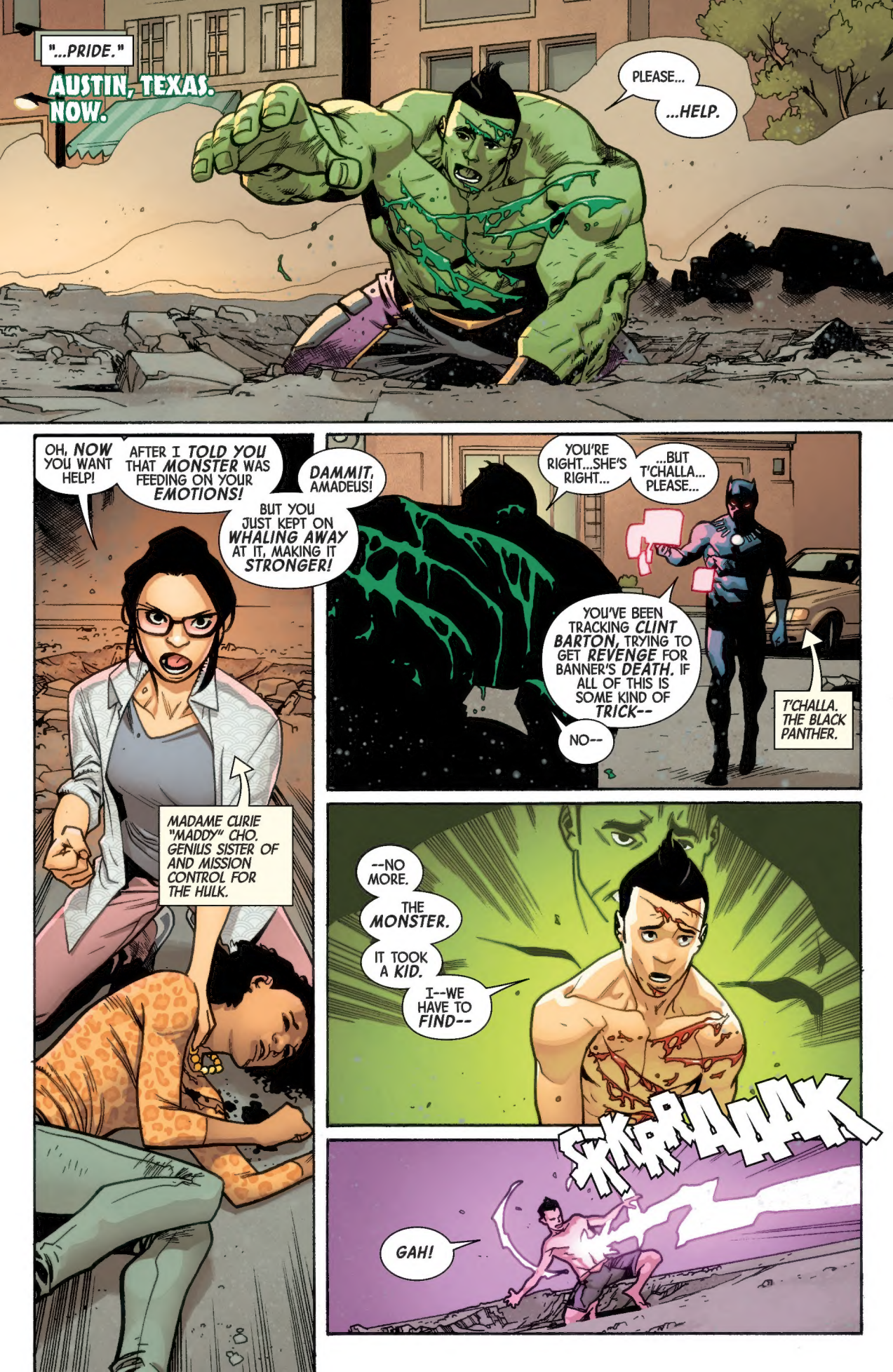
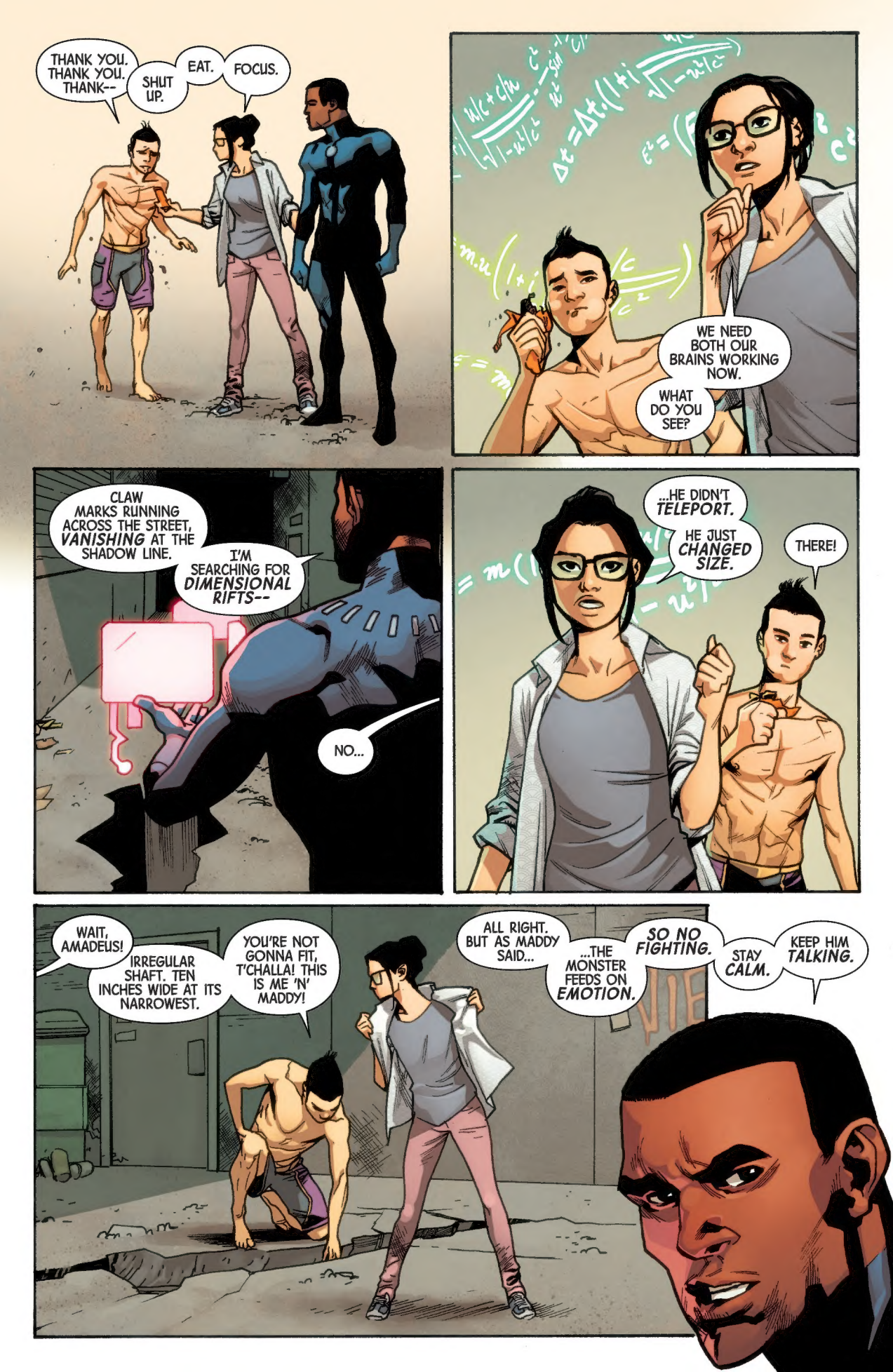

MOJAVE DESERT.
THREE MONTHS AGO.
ARE YOU OKAY, BANNER?
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA ASK ME THAT?
THE WHOLE WORLD'S OUT THERE WAITING TO BE SAVED BY THE NEW HULK.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE BABYSITTING ME.
HEH.
ARE...
...ARE YOU OKAY, AMADEUS?
BRUCE BANNER, THE INCREDIBLE FORMER HULK.
AMADEUS CHO, THE TOTALLY AWESOME NEW HULK.
YOU SAID I WAS GONNA BE A...A DIFFERENT KIND OF HULK FROM YOU...
...BUT THAT I MIGHT FIND OUT STUFF I DIDN'T NECESSARILY LIKE ABOUT MYSELF.
HOW...
...HOW DO YOU SEE THAT PLAYING OUT?
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO REASSURE YOU, NOT WORRY YOU.
YYYEAH...
OKAY...
...I'M A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST, NOT A PSYCHIATRIST...
...BUT THE WAY I SEE IT, MY SIN HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANGER.
THAT'S HOW I REACTED TO TRAUMA AND ISOLATION.
BUT YOU'RE BUILT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.
WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU...
...YOU GET ANGRY OR SAD LIKE EVERYONE ELSE...
...BUT FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, YOU DRAW YOUR STRENGTH FROM SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER...


"...PRIDE."
AUSTIN, TEXAS. NOW.
PLEASE...
...HELP.
OH, NOW YOU WANT HELP!
AFTER I TOLD YOU THAT MONSTER WAS FEEDING ON YOUR EMOTIONS!
DAMMIT, AMADEUS!
BUT YOU JUST KEPT ON WHALING AWAY AT IT, MAKING IT STRONGER!
MADAME CURIE "MADDY" CHO. GENIUS SISTER OF AND MISSION CONTROL FOR THE HULK.
YOU'RE RIGHT...SHE'S RIGHT...
...BUT T'CHALLA... PLEASE...
YOU'VE BEEN TRACKING CLINT BARTON, TRYING TO GET REVENGE FOR BANNER'S DEATH. IF ALL OF THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRICK--
NO--
T'CHALLA. THE BLACK PANTHER.
--NO MORE.
THE MONSTER.
IT TOOK A KID.
I--WE HAVE TO FIND--
SKRRAAAK
GAH!

JAKE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE VOICE OF *REASON* ON THIS MISSION.
WHY DID YOU FIRE?
I JUST PROMISED TO *CALL* IT LIKE I *SAW* IT, SIR.
JAKE OH. S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT.
AND HE'S *OUT* OF *CONTROL.*
YOU HEARD HIS SISTER.
WE'VE GOT TO STICK TO YOUR *PLAN* AND SEND HIM TO THE *NEGATIVE ZONE.*
WHAT?
NO, NO, *NO!*
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
EVERYONE HERE IS GOING TO *SUCK IT UP* AND *WORK TOGETHER...*
...AND FIND THIS LADY'S *BABY.*
OH GOD, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE...
...HE'S JUST TWO. JUST TWO YEARS OLD. MY LITTLE JIMMY. MY JIMMY.
DAUGHTER...
...MY NAME IS *T'CHALLA.* AND I *PROMISE* YOU...
...WE WILL BRING BACK YOUR SON.


THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK--
SHUT UP.
EAT.
FOCUS.
WE NEED BOTH OUR BRAINS WORKING NOW.
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
CLAW MARKS RUNNING ACROSS THE STREET, VANISHING AT THE SHADOW LINE.
I'M SEARCHING FOR DIMENSIONAL RIFTS--
NO...
...HE DIDN'T TELEPORT.
HE JUST CHANGED SIZE.
THERE!
WAIT, AMADEUS!
IRREGULAR SHAFT. TEN INCHES WIDE AT ITS NARROWEST.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA FIT, T'CHALLA! THIS IS ME 'N' MADDY!
ALL RIGHT. BUT AS MADDY SAID...
...THE MONSTER FEEDS ON EMOTION.
SO NO FIGHTING.
STAY CALM.
KEEP HIM TALKING.

...ARE YOU READY FOR THAT, AMADEUS?
I...
...I HAVE TO BE.
YES, YOU DO.
THESE ORBS WILL LIGHT YOUR WAY, TRACK YOU, PROVIDE A COMM LINK.
I'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY DOWN, COME IN FROM THE FLANK WHEN THE TIME COMES.
MADDY, LISTEN, I'M SORRY--
SHUT UP. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.
I SAW HIM BEFORE YOU GOT HERE, BEFORE HE CHANGED INTO THE MONSTER.
IF HE KEEPS THE SAME HUMAN FORM, WE'RE LOOKING FOR A SKINNY ASIAN AMERICAN DUDE. ABOUT YOUR BUILD.
GUYS, THIS IS JAKE, AND I FOUND HIM ON A SECURITY CAM.
HIS NAME'S CHRISTIAN SUNG. TWENTY YEARS OLD. MUSIC STUDENT AT JOHNSON STATE.
BORN IN DUNCANVILLE. NO CRIMINAL RECORD.
DANG IT. WHY'D HE HAVE TO BE KOREAN?
TCH.
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
THIS WAY, MADDY.
AMADEUS! WAIT--YOU GOT ME STUCK!
EXACTLY.
AMADEUS!
WAIT!
WAAAAAAAAAA!
OMIGOD...

WELL, HEY, THERE.
HI.
CHRISTIAN, RIGHT?
MY NAME'S AMADEUS.
AAAAAAAAAAAH!
AND THE BABY'S NAME IS JIMMY.
HE'S VERY, VERY SCARED.
YEAH...
...MAYBE WE SHOULD GET HIM BACK TO HIS MOM?
I LIKE SCARED...
BUT IT'S GETTING BORING.
AAAAAAAH!
NO!
OOOOH!
AND NOW IT'S INTERESTING AGAIN!

LET'S...
...LET'S JUST CALM DOWN AND TALK A BIT, HUH?
WHAT DO YOU...WHAT DO YOU WANT?
AMADEUS CHO.
I READ ALL ABOUT YOU.
SO HAPPY, SO HELPFUL.
BUT YOU'RE THE HULK.
UHHUH HUH HUH HUH!
I KNEW YOU'D BE ALL BUBBLING WITH ANGER.
AND YOU SURE WERE.
AND I KNOW GOOD ANGER WHEN I TASTE IT.
NOT LIKE JIMMY HERE. HE'S SO SCARED...
...LIKE HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SAFE.
MUST BE NICE.
AND THEN THERE'S YOU. SO MUCH GOING ON.
ANGER... FEAR...PRIDE... GRIEF...
JACKPOT!
SO I'M GOING TO KILL AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN AND SEE HOW MUCH WE CAN GET OUT OF YOU.
AAAAAAAAAAAAH!

T'CHALLA!
GOT HIM!
YOU DIRTY LITTLE--
GRRRAAAAAA!
HA HAAAAA! THERE IT IS!
JAKE!
NEGATIVE ZONE!
NOW!

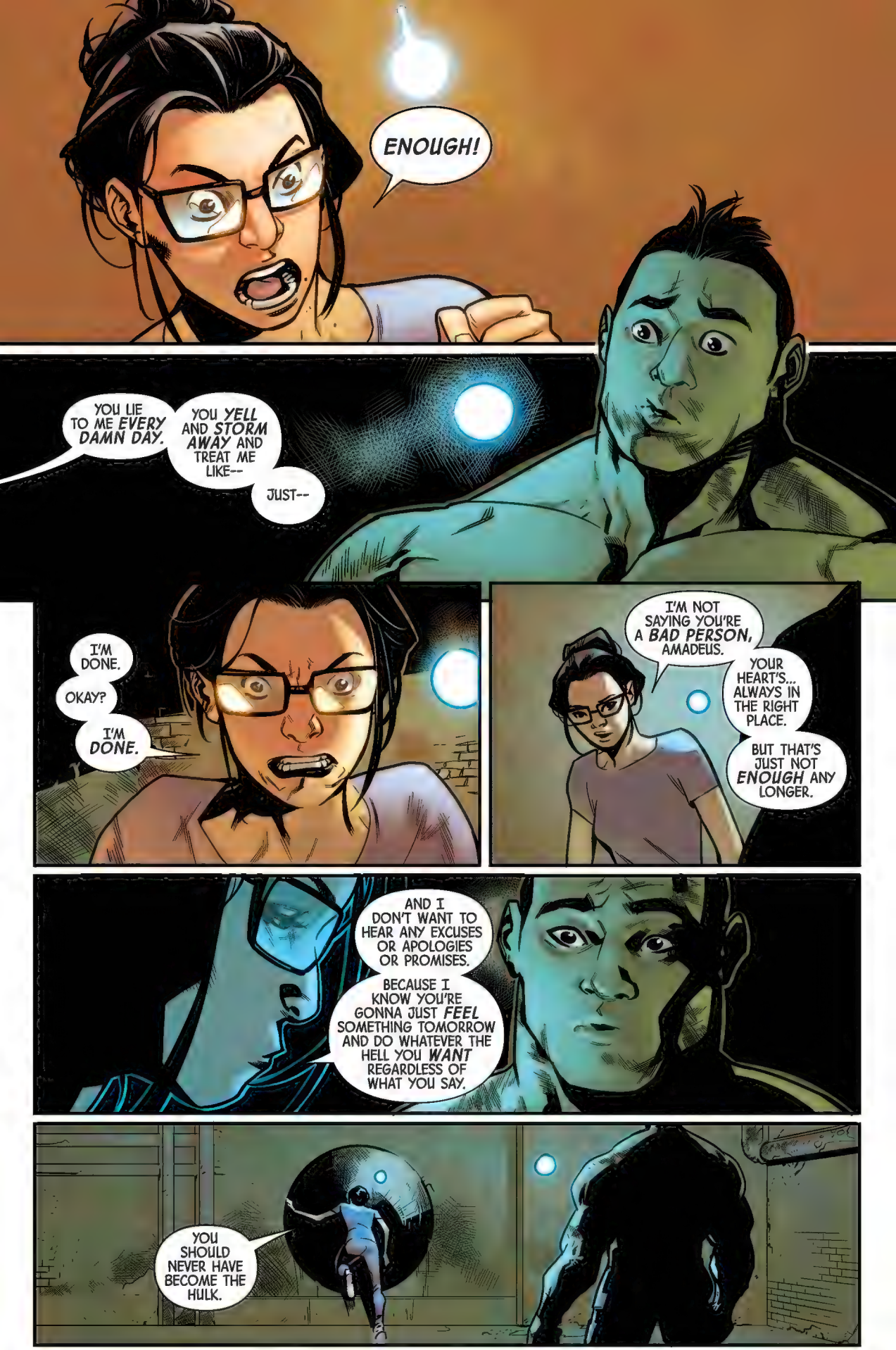
ACTIVATING!
WAIT, NO!
NZ TELEPORT: FAILURE.
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OVERRIDING.
YOUR SYSTEM WILL GRAB EVERYTHING WITHIN FIFTEEN FEET--
--YOU'LL TELEPORT AMADEUS IF YOU DO IT NOW!
MADDY! HE'S GOTTA DO IT!
NO, AMADEUS!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU PLAY THE STUPID HERO AND--
SHUT UP AND LET HIM DO IT!

SKKRRAK
GAH!
SSSHNNNG
HA!
MADDY!
AND NOW THERE'S SHAME!
YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN YOUR SISTER.
SHE KEEPS IT ALL BOTTLED UP.
YOU TRY...
...BUT YOU CAN'T EVER KEEP IT IN, CAN YOU?
GRRRAAAAA!
KTHOOM

HEY, DIRTBAG.
YOU GOT ONE THING WRONG.
IN OUR FAMILY...
...AMADEUS IS THE MILD-MANNERED ONE.
BLAM
HAHA!
SOOO GOOOOOOOD!
JAKE! NOW!

UUUEEEEEEEEEEEE
HUH!
SHHAKOOOOM
AH!
WHOA.

MADDY! THAT WAS...THAT WAS AMAZING!
YEAH.
OKAY, THEN...
...BYE.
WAIT. WHAT?
...
YOU KEEP SAYING YOU'RE LEARNING.
YOU KEEP GETTING JUUUST A LITTLE BETTER.
AND THEN YOU FALL BACK.
SO I'M NOT DOING THIS ANY-MORE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN--
I'M NOT GONNA BE THE ENABLER WHO MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LOSE IT WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS AND REALLY HURT SOMEONE!
MADDY, THAT'S NOT--

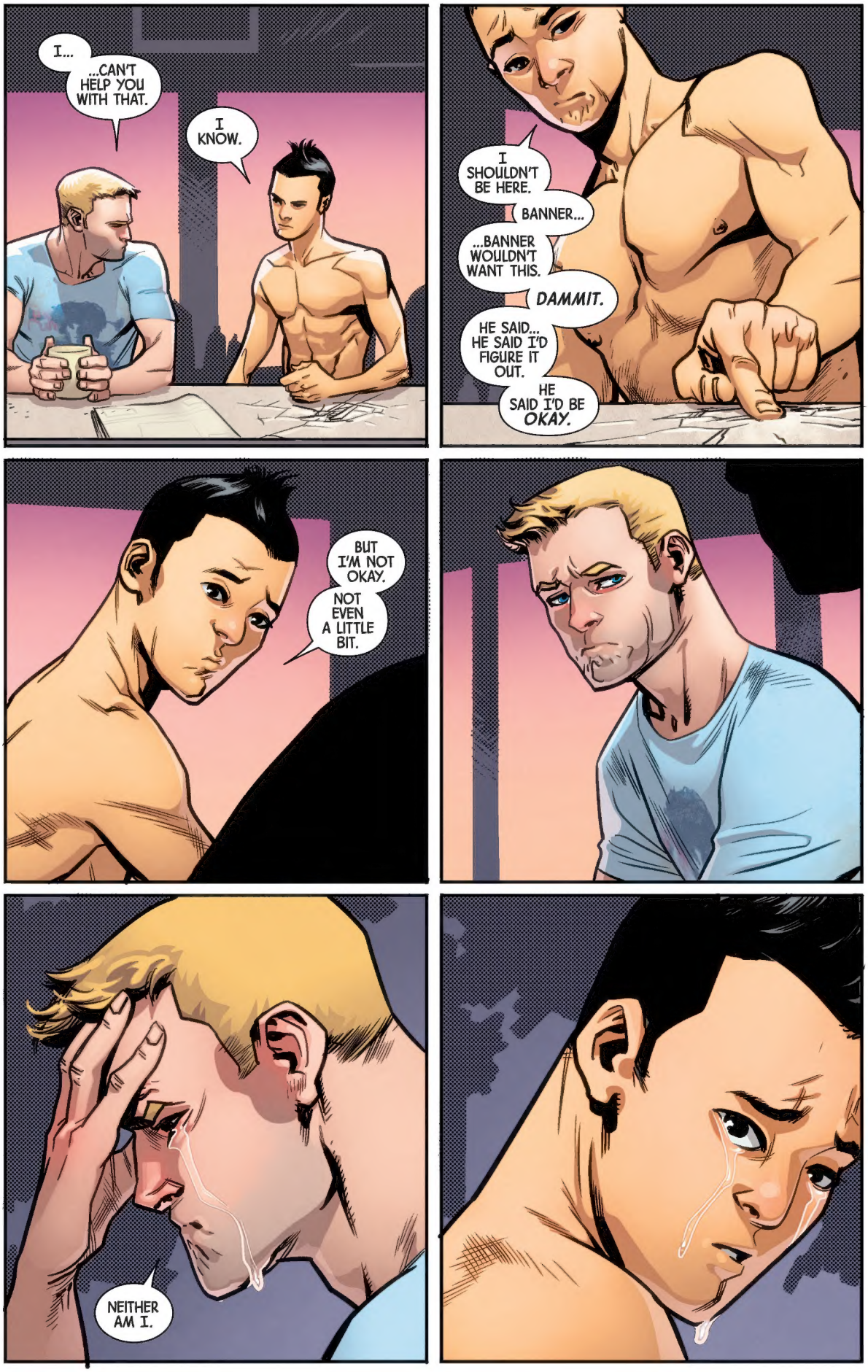

ENOUGH!
YOU LIE TO ME EVERY DAMN DAY.
YOU YELL AND STORM AWAY AND TREAT ME LIKE--
JUST--
I'M DONE.
OKAY?
I'M DONE.
I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE A BAD PERSON, AMADEUS.
YOUR HEART'S... ALWAYS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
BUT THAT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH ANY LONGER.
AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY EXCUSES OR APOLOGIES OR PROMISES.
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA JUST FEEL SOMETHING TOMORROW AND DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU SAY.
YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE BECOME THE HULK.

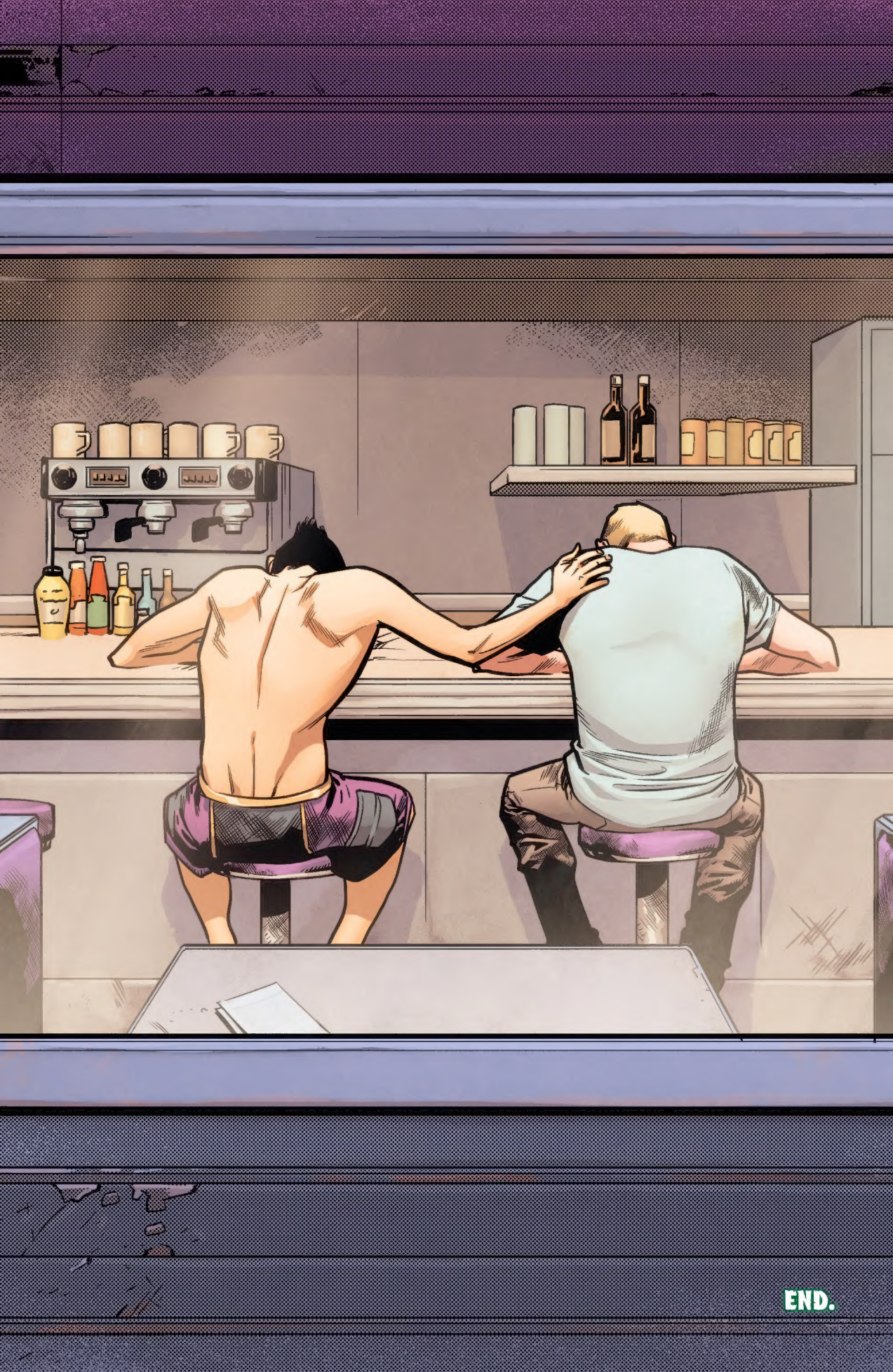
MOMMA MOMMA MOMMA MOMMA!
HEY!
OH, JIMMY BOY!
YOU DID ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE.
WHERE'S YOUR SISTER?
SHE WAS INCREDIBLE...
YEAH. I DON'T...
HULK!
IT'S THE HULK!
HE FOUGHT THAT MONSTER OFF! I SAW HIM!
YEAH, HULK! HULKING IT UP IN HULKTOWN!
HA HA!
YEEE HA!

FOOD
KTHOOOM
KTHOOOM
TOPEKA, KANSAS.
ONE WEEK LATER.
KTHOOOM
BARTON.
CHO...
CLINT BARTON,
A.K.A. HAWKEYE.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALONE.
IT ISN'T SAFE.
YYYEAAH...
HNH. YOU LOOK SCARED.
I LIKE THAT.
I CAME HERE TO KILL YOU.
WELL. THAT'S ONE OF US.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, ISN'T IT?
I... DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.
I KILLED BANNER. YOUR FRIEND.
I HAD GOOD REASONS...
...AND I'VE BEEN THINKING THEM OVER AGAIN AND AGAIN EVER SINCE...
...BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE COME HERE TO--
CRAK
I TOLD CAROL DANVERS SHE COULDN'T STOP ME IF I WANTED TO SMASH YOU LIKE A BUG.

NO ONE COULD STOP ME.
NOT HER. NOT S.H.I.E.L.D. NOT T'CHALLA.
NOT EVEN MY SISTER.
FELT GOOD TO STARE DANVERS IN THE EYE AND SAY THAT.
TO KNOW IT.
FEELS GOOD TELLING IT TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
LIKE I'M IN CHARGE.
LIKE I CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.
LIKE I CAN MAKE ANYTHING HAPPEN.
BUT...
...WHAT I REALLY WANT...
...I...
...I JUST WANT MY FRIEND BACK.


I...
...CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THAT.
I KNOW.
I SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
BANNER...
...BANNER WOULDN'T WANT THIS.
DAMMIT.
HE SAID... HE SAID I'D FIGURE IT OUT.
HE SAID I'D BE OKAY.
BUT I'M NOT OKAY.
NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT.
NEITHER AM I.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